

WOMAN'S WORLD.

AN ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO A TALENTED KENTUCKY GIRL.

Teach the Children to Swim—Good Results Always—When My Lady Sleeps—The Female British "Drummer"—Items of Interest to Mothers and Housekeepers.

Kentucky has one violinist, Miss Currie Duke of this city, who cannot complain of a lack of appreciation. She is the daughter of General Basil Duke, the brother-in-law and successor to General John H. Morgan, the daring Confederate cavalry leader. Miss Currie returned home last year after five years spent in musical studies in Germany. She has been engaged as a soloist for Thomas' orchestra next season and is a beautiful woman as well as an accomplished musician. She has been admired and praised at home, and at a concert she gave last week at Lawrenceburg Attorney L. H. Carter of that town introduced her with the following bit of dazling Kentucky rhetoric:

"Since the gladsome morn of creation, when the stars sang together and the universe resounded with the symphony as the hand of God swept it into harmony, music has played no small part in the history of the world. All men everywhere—barbaric and civilized—are sensible to its magic spell. I have always maintained that that education is incomplete which develops the body in the gymnasium, the mind in the college curriculum and leaves uncultivated the emotional nature. To think and to do the right it is necessary to feel the right. Such a feast and such a pleasure have I the honor to herald to you tonight."

"The very distinguished daughter of one of Kentucky's most distinguished and honored sons—a son who, both in the tented field and at the bar, has represented the highest type of Kentucky manhood—is here to ravish and steal away our hearts with the sweetest strains that ever breathed in human souls. Mythology tells us that Orpheus played so divinely on the lyre that all nature stopped to listen to his music, and she who will open the crust of care tonight and start the liquid flow of joy in your soul is no unworthy disciple of him whose head and lyre floated down the swift Helms to the Lesbian shore. From the hours of prattling childhood the witchery of her performance on the violin was known and appreciated, the wonder and pride of her friends. What the greatest masters at home and abroad could do was done, and in the fullness of time she burst forth on an astonished world a star of the first magnitude, before whom paled the greatest reputations in the musical world. As a violinist she stood without a peer among womankind, and with very few, if any, among the sterner sex. The greatest talent of Europe wondered, admired and praised, and her native land received her as the child of her pride, well worthy the triumphs; but, above all, Kentucky is proud of her most distinguished daughter and claims her as her own:

"Ours while deathless love remains,
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Ours through all eternal years."
"Beautiful, talented, distinguished, a great artist and a superb type of womanhood, I introduce to you in the person of Currie Duke."—Louisville Letter.

Teach Children to Swim.

In view of the many and harrowing deaths by drowning that are always among the distressing incidents of the summer season, it would seem as though parents would consider it far more necessary to have their children taught to swim than to spend so much care and trouble on accomplishments that are of no earthly value to the latter who gets into water over his or her head.

This little speech is not meant in any way to run down the advantages to be derived from the highest mental training, but what god will diplomas and honorary degrees be if in moments of impulsive recklessness or owing to some unforeseen accident the student learns, alas! that it is sink or swim, with nine chances out of ten in favor of the former, if there has never heretofore been given, along with the other thought to be necessary lessons, a single one in one of the most important branches of human education?

Boys and girls alike should be given instruction in this branch. Parents would feel highly incensed if some outsider were to remark that they cared more for the mental health of their children than for their physical welfare. Yet in many cases this is true, though perhaps unwittingly so. Outside of the fact that a knowledge of swimming may some time be the means of saving life, it is a most healthful and delightful exercise, even though never put to any more exacting purpose than to pass away pleasantly a few hours at the natatorium or in the surf. In giving children as many of the pleasures of life as lie within the power of their parents, to grant lessons in swimming should be among the first thought of, for the pastime, unlike many others, serves a double purpose that may some day prove its practical usefulness.—Philadelphia Times.

Good Results Always.

The results of woman suffrage seem to be curiously alike all the world over. The last number of Lady Henry Somerset's paper, The Woman's Signal, of London, contains a letter from a New Zealand correspondent giving some interesting facts in regard to the newly enfranchised women of the antipodes, who cast their first parliamentary vote at the recent elections. Though the time allowed for registration was short, 169,461 women registered, of whom 90,290 voted. There were 128,536 men registered, of whom 129,792 voted. "It was found that the presence of large numbers of women was a far more effectual restraint on ruffianism than the police force could have been. Every male voter and a sister, wife, mother, daughter or

some one equally dear to him for whose sake all riotousness must be restrained."

The daily papers were unanimous in their reports as to the good order that prevailed. The elections resulted in a defeat for the Conservatives, but many causes combined to bring this about. A result more distinctly attributable to the women's vote is that "the present parliament is a cleansed and purified one. A number of M. H. R.'s, whose reputation had been unsavory, have been rejected, though professing the popular creed in politics. In all this it will be seen," says the New Zealand correspondent, "that the moral and social condition of the nation is, from a woman's standpoint, the first consideration."—Boston Transcript.

When My Lady Sleeps.

The new night robes are victims of the lace craze, like all else which pertains to my lady's wardrobe. They are gay with ribbons, too, and many are pretty and elaborate enough to appear as tea gowns.

The night robe in best taste is white. A dainty and not too dressy gown is made of sheer cambric with a deep yoke of tulle lace. This is outlined with a ruffle of cambric edged with lace, so that the whole appears much like a sailor collar. It is fastened in front with narrow white moire ribbons. The full sleeves are also tied with a little bow at the wrist and finished with a deep fall of lace.

Nightgowns of nainsook are trimmed elaborately with valenciennes lace. Many of the gowns have the lace insertion arranged to simulate a bolero jacket. The lace frills which outline it make the effect soft and pretty.

White embroidery with a colored edge is much in favor for the less expensive nightgowns, and coarse, embroidered yokes are finished with heading through which narrow ribbons are run. A rather eccentric novelty, and one which presumably will not be welcomed with fervent joy, is the gown of delicately tinted chambray, trimmed with coral insertion and lace.—Philadelphia Times.

The Female British "Drummer."

The "lady commercial" is fast becoming an institution in Birmingham, as elsewhere. She is, generally speaking, quite as smart and resourceful as her male competitor, and her sex gives her an additional advantage. Apart altogether from the difficulty of saying "No" to a woman, especially if young and handsome, the more drastic methods of getting rid of unwelcome importunities are obviously out of the question when the "traveler" is of the gentler sex. And then, of course, the lady is bound to have the last word. An enterprising member of the fraternity—or should I rather say sisterhood?—called upon a local firm the other morning. She was assured that the stock in her special line was full up. "But I should like to show you my samples. I'm sure you'd like them." "Not today, thank you. Besides we have no account with your firm." "I know you haven't, but you'll allow me to open one, won't you? Only a small line for beginning?" "No; we positively don't require anything in that way just now." "Really? Well, good morning. I'll call again in the afternoon. Gentlemen are generally more open to reason when they have dined."—Birmingham Mail.

Women Officeholders Abroad.

There are at present 5,353 women in French provincial postoffices and 1,050 female telegraph clerks. In 69 towns the telephone stations are under the management of women, affording employment for 745 women. The national savings banks employ 425 women, etc. The railways have, however, been the best friends to the women. It was the Dombes company which made the experiment with employing female clerks at the offices or as station mistresses at the small stations, but gradually nearly all the French railway companies have followed this example. Women are employed at the ticket offices as watchmen, etc. The East company employs 3,083 women. North company, 2,790; the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean, 5,728; the Orleans company, 4,358—altogether some 24,000 women—in which number the thousands of female gatekeepers are not included. In the whole of Europe it is calculated that over 600,000 women hold public appointments.—London Queen.

Indian Carpet For the Queen.

Those who have recently raised the question of the import of prison made goods from abroad will perhaps read with surprise that the queen will shortly be the possessor of one of the most remarkable articles ever made in a prison. The superintendent of Agra jail some months back received an order to weave a carpet of special design for her majesty. This is now complete. On it 25 of the dearest convicts of the establishment have been engaged, and the texture measures 77 feet by 40 feet and is estimated to contain no fewer than 59,000,000 stitches. The pattern, known as the Poona, is rarely met with. It has a dark ground, upon which the device and border are executed in delicate shades of vegetable dyed blues, yellows, browns and greens. The carpet, which is of great value, will be used in her majesty's Indian room at Osborne. The Agra jail convicts are also making a carpet for the German emperor.—Manchester Examiner.

New Brooms Wanted.

A Washington correspondent writes to an exchange:

I am in favor of electing at least one dozen women as members of the house, woman suffrage or no woman suffrage. The place is so foul and nasty that to sit for two hours in its bad smelling atmosphere completely prostrates one. The house appoints committee after committee to look after the "ventilation," and it results in nothing. What the place needs is a regular housecleaning. The floors scrubbed, the ceilings whitewashed, the carpets shaken, the walls frescoed and woodwork repainted. If there were a few women members, they wouldn't be there a week before



ELEGANT NEW COSTUMES.

The figure at the left shows a costume of navy blue velvetina, combined with red, green and white plaid sarat trimmed with white Spanish lace. The cape is lined with satin. The figure at the right shows a cherry red sarat with a Spanish drape and plaid bolero trimmed with black lace insertion. The gown in the center is of bouclet herringbone twill, tailor made, with an open jacket and yellow vest, the jacket and waist being trimmed with narrow black velvet.

they would have the bad smelling old place fit to live in. It is not fit to live in now. It is dangerous. And yet from 1,000 to 3,000 people are there from six to ten hours every day. Please elect a few women this fall and have the place cleaned.

Six of a Kind.

The most decided effort to set the pace or fashion in connection with bathing suits was made recently by a party of six Philadelphia girls, who are stopping at a swell ocean front hotel at Atlantic City. Three of them are sisters. On the afternoon of July 4 they created a mild sensation on the beach by appearing in lovely pure white cashmere bathing robes, made in the regulation style and neatly trimmed at the skirt, waist and sleeves with many strands of narrow black cord. About the neck of each fair maiden was a black silken cord, from which depended a small silver whistle. The latter were vigorously piped when any of the merry party strayed from the flock, and altogether the girls were the cynosure of all eyes, had a good time and were much admired.—Atlantic City Correspondent.

A Hundred Years Ago.

Women grow more frivolous every day. Young ladies scorn housework and learn to embroider, to play the piano and to flirt while their mothers are engaged in all the drudgery of the household. They eschew all useful reading and prefer French novels to English classics. In selecting husbands they choose dandies with social graces rather than men with solid attainments. They are full of strange, whimsical notions peculiar to the age. Reader, this is a synopsis of the opinions of an English magazine writer of 1759 on the women of his time. They sound very much as if they were written by certain pessimists of today. There is no new thing under the sun.—Boston Transcript.

A Useful Club.

There is a club of women in New York city that is as modest as it is remarkable. It is called the Best Way club and is composed of well to do women living in a handsome cross street up town. The objects of the organization are mutual help and encouragement. It takes its name from the obligation a member is under to disclose to her colleagues the details of any discovery she may make as to the best way of performing any of the duties, labors or obligations that devolve upon her in her various relations of life. It is an open secret that the club has carefully avoided discussing the best way of obtaining the suffrage.—New York World.

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HE WAS DUMFOUNDED.

He Thought It Was a Poor Rule That Didn't Work in Both Countries.

An Englishman riding in a train out west went into the dining room car for dinner. He was told by the waiter that the price of the dinner was \$1.

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, volunteering this further information, "and you can eat all you want, sir."

The Englishman had a good appetite, and he ate a large dinner, paying his dollar cheerfully and giving the waiter a "tip."

The next day he entered the dining room car of another train for luncheon. He was then in Canada. Picking up the menu card, the Englishman of large appetite gave an order that made the waiter open his eyes in astonishment, but it is the business of waiters to supply the appetites of people, not to criticize them, and he began to serve the luncheon. The Englishman ate steadily and industriously and with evident relish. When he had finished his meal, his face wore a look of great content. He fished in his pocket for a dollar, looked at the check and gasped.

"What's this?" he asked. "Seven dollars and fifty cents! Why, man, this is a mistake. Men are only \$1, and you eat all you want."

"Not on this cash, sir," said the waiter, who was black as ebony and possessed a smile of amplitude. "You order by de card, sir, an pay fuh what y'u eat. Yas, sir. Y'u order al carte, sir."

The Englishman picked up the menu card and studied it carefully, his face getting redder as he scrutinized it.

"It's an outrage," he said.

"It's de rules, sir," said the waiter respectfully. "Yas, sir."

My friend, said a passenger, who had a twinkle in his eye, "I think I can explain. On the roads in the United States you pay for your meal whether you eat only a bite or not. But, sir, we are now in her majesty's dominion."

"Ah," said the Englishman in a more hopeful voice.

"Yes, sir, and in her majesty's dominion every precaution is taken to protect the patrons of a railroad from imposition. So you see, sir, here you only pay for what you order and eat." The Englishman seemed to run over in his mind a long list of dishes which he had ordered, for his face fell.

"You see, it's a very good arrangement," said the other softly. "It protects the traveler, you see."

"But, see here," said the Englishman indignantly, "they have the dishes on this card in prominent letters, and away off on this side in small letters the prices. Now, sir, he cried hoity, 'I'm unsighted, and over in the States they told me the price of a meal was \$1, and of course I was not on the lookout for swindlers among the employees of this company.'"

"But, you see, sir," said the other, "the purpose of this arrangement is a good one."

"Eh?" said the Englishman wrathfully. "How do I know," he thundered, "that this lot of one of those sharp Yankee tricks, got up in the States and sent over here into Canada to swindle innocent people. I've heard all about these Yankees," he added in a tone of disgust. He laid some money down on the check. It was the even amount. There was no "tip."

"It protects the dining car, too," said the other passenger to himself, with a soft smile.—New York Tribune.

They Were Disappointed.

When the talk turned upon General Sheridan at a New York dinner table the other evening, the host told a story of how bitterly the general's figure on horseback had disappointed some young women up on the Massachusetts coast. They had never seen Sheridan; but, mindful of his ride, they had ready for him against his arrival at their father's house a mettish some horse in order that they might see him in the saddle. When the guest arrived, instead of the slender, active cavalry leader of their visions, they saw a red faced, thick waisted, short winded old gentleman, whose presence on the back of the animal they had provided caused apprehension rather than admiration.

"I've heard Sheridan's side of that story," said one of the guests when the host had ceased speaking. "A friend of mine met him the next day, and noticing that he limped asked what was the matter. Sheridan said: 'Oh, I was over at — yesterday, and those girls of his asked me to ride with them. There was no getting out of it, but as I hadn't been on horse back for a year I'm pretty sore all over.'"

—New York Sun.

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